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**Cc:** [Caroline Harris](#); [fhszinformation@fire.ca.gov](mailto:fhszinformation@fire.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** Comment letter - Union City High Fire Hazard Severity Zone public comment letter from Tri-City Ecology Center  
**Date:** Friday, April 25, 2025 7:14:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Union City Fire Hazard Severity Zone TCEC letter.pdf](#)

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Dear City Manager's Office,

Please include this letter as part of your fire hazard severity public comment engagement process. The deadline on your website notes Monday, April 25, 2025. However, this typo could mean the deadline for public comment is meant for Monday, April 28.

Thank you for allowing us to provide feedback.

Elizabeth Ames  
Vice Chairperson  
Tri-City Ecology Center



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Fremont, CA 94536

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City Manager's Office

25 April 2025

34009 Alvarado-Niles Road, Union City, CA

Re: Comments on High Fire Hazard Severity Zone for Union City Hills - Increase in vulnerabilities

Dear City of Union City Mayor Singh, Union City Council Members and City Manager:

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If the concerns raised above have not yet been analyzed, then we urge the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and City of Union City to analyze, address and mitigate these concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Liz Ames, Vice Chairperson

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First Name	Zari
Last Name	Aziz
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	
Feedback	Hello, I'm in agreement with the State Fire Marshal recommendations of establishing a High Fire Hazard Severity Zone in our hills which can ensure more protection for our hills, watersheds, ecosystems and our communities.

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First Name	Robert
Last Name	Czerwinski
Phone Number	██████████
Email Address	████████████████████
Feedback	No Building on the Hills!  Besides the Known Environmental Issues the new LRA Fire Severity Zone Map further supports that any building on the Hills would add great risk to our residence. We should come 1st. Note: Monday is April 27th

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First Name	Renee
Last Name	Dutra
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Feedback	<p>I am glad to have the opportunity to express my thoughts and feelings about the proposed building in the Union City hills. I am a 20 year resident of the 7 hills area and my husband and I have been dedicated educators for our city. I have been aghast to see the developments along Appian Way disrupting the nature, open area and wildlife traffic. Every day I walk in the neighborhood and loop up through the 7 Hills park. I used to enjoy the view of the hills above the park and delighted in seeing the horses and cows, deer and other wildlife and the stress of the day would melt away. I felt grateful to live where I do. It is the biggest reason we live here. I am deeply concerned that beyond this, our safety, property and lives are at risk as we add traffic and density to the area considering not only the earthquake threat that looms over us continually and the fire. Every year as I watch the hills turn golden my fears grow. It is not safe to tear into those very hills that provide beauty and also a very real fire threat and build more homes. More people, more density, more traffic, more risk. Receiving the new fire safety regulations in the mail this week only speaks to these issues. We cannot allow new buildings which will increase the risk to our property or our safety. What happened to our city's commitment to not build above Mission boulevard? Doing so is damaging our city's beauty and appeal.</p>

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First Name	Victoria
Last Name	Garcia
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	
Feedback	The Decoto community, being so close to the hills, which are a BIG fire hazard, would benefit from putting the utility lines underground. I understand this would cost a lot of money. However, doing so could save a lot of lives!

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## Public Feedback: LRA Fire Severity Zone Map Form

First Name	Uttara
Last Name	Pandya
Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Email Address	[REDACTED]
Feedback	I do not want houses to be built on the hills. Building more houses is going to create more traffic. We need hills for beauty and for wild animals like deer to roam freely.

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First Name	Karen
Last Name	Pohl
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	
Feedback	This is good.

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## Public Feedback: LRA Fire Severity Zone Map Form

First Name	KELLY
Last Name	RACKHAM
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	
Feedback	I can guess what the colors represent, but it would be nice if they were explained somewhere on or near the map to ease confusion.

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First Name	Patricio
Last Name	Urbi
Phone Number	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Email Address	
Feedback	The potential for a fire disaster is too great for a few dollars more. Do not allow developers on the hillsides of Union City.

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